

APPLY THE SKILLS

Walt Whitman's Poetry

1. **Synthesize:** Whitman believed that the world of nature mirrors the human spirit. What aspects of “A Noiseless Patient Spider” reflect this belief?

2. **Literary Analysis:** In what way does the use of **free verse** in “Song of Myself” allow the speaker to share his ideas more freely?

3. **Literary Analysis:** Whitman uses catalogs, or lists, in his poems. Analyze the catalogs Whitman uses in “By the Bivouac’s Fitful Flame” and “When I Heard the Learn’d Astronomer.” Use this chart to record what you find.

Poem	Cataloging	What the Details Share	Effect

4. **Reading Strategy:** In Section 14, lines 11–14, of “Song of Myself,” what can you infer about the speaker’s attitude toward people who work outdoors?

5. **Reading Strategy:** Give examples of the language in “When I Heard the Learn’d Astronomer” that helps you infer the speaker’s **attitude** toward astronomy.
